# INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY SUPPORT: SPECIALIZED EVALUATIONS

## PROCEDURE CODE

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#### **DEFINITION**

A cash payment to the family to purchase services for their child eligible for the First Connections or Early Childhood Program. Specialized Evaluation services must be necessary for diagnostic purposes to assist the IFSP team in developing implementing an appropriate plan of services. Specialized evaluation services must be based on need as documented on the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP), and may include all necessary expenses associated with the required specialized evaluation:

- Fees
- Mileage
- Meals
- Lodging

Specific examples of specialized evaluations may include but are not limited to:

- Team evaluation to determine Autism
- Brain Stem Evoked Response
- Audiology Evaluation
- Genetic Evaluation
- Specialized Feeding Evaluation

# **QUALIFIED PROVIDER**

A DDS licensed/certified provider must verify the family's procurement of appropriate professionals, licensed by the state mandated regulatory entity.

### UNIT OF SERVICE

A unit of service is the actual cost per occurrence, to provide the needed service.

## RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT

Rates are based on state lead agency determination as Administrator of Federal regulation, 34 C.F.R. §, Sec. 303.520

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Actual cost of the service per occurrence. A guideline of \$5,000 of all categories of family support combined, per year has been determined. Prior Approval by Developmental Disabilities Services is required. Documentation required: 1) Physician/therapist referral, 2) Narrative justification, 3) Page 5 of IFSP. Prior Authorization Committee may require additional documentation.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE PROVIDED

The provider of the service must maintain on site, narrative documentation of:

- The service provided (amount, date, and times)
- Activities conducted
- Outcomes worked on (objectives)
- Progress made
- Recommendations (if appropriate)
- Receipt for the actual cost of reimbursement, submitted by the parent/guardian.
- Statement of assurance submitted by the parent.

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